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Marginal Column

By ZEEV LAQUEUR

WHAT is happening in Egypt at this time, political trials and Arab League sessions apart? Business, we are told, is very much as usual. Kasr el Nil, Cairo's new, biggest movie theatre, has just been opened and they are starring Mickey Spillane's gruesome "Ring of Fear" in Cinemascope. Gamal Abdul Nasser himself came to the gala opening though he told Richard Crossman, M.P., that "we have got to liberate twenty million from fear." Abdul Latif Boghdadi, the member of the *Junta* in charge of the reconstruction of Cairo, envisages better street lighting for 1955 and, as the biggest attraction, a funicular railway connecting the Capital with Mukattam. Jefferson Caffery, the outgoing American Ambassador, has been made honorary Sheikh by the El Hawitat Tribe in recognition of his many favours to Egypt.

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BUT what is going on behind the facade which has changed so little? Nasser told Crossman that politics means for him only one thing, solving the social problem. "Somehow we have got to create a political party which people join, he said, not for what they get out of it but for what they put in. "That's a completely new idea here and that's why I have to exclude all the old politicians and prevent the capitalists and landlords from muscling in. The new party must be composed exclusively of middle class people — doctors, lawyers, teachers — with a sense of public service." It reads good on paper, but it doesn't work out in practice. The Liberation Movement sponsored by the army lingers on after a fashion, but the middle-class people with a sense of public service have somehow not been found.

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THE *Junta* receives no appreciable support from the intelligentsia. The lawyers association has just been given a warning for openly identifying itself with the demands of the opposition (the left-wing Wafd, it appears); the teachers sympathize with the Moslem Brotherhood or the Communists, the doctors do not meddle in politics. But they all want parliamentary democracy for Egypt, whatever the outcome. And the members of the *Junta* in hours of dejection tell confidants that it is very nearly hopeless to carry out reforms among a people downtrodden for so many centuries, left with no initiative and spontaneity and with an elite devoid of any feeling of responsibility and public service. In the meantime they carry on, of course. Earlier this month a new students' organization was founded. "University Honour" it is called. It sets out to form a strong generation of students to imbue them with idealism, to fight for science and the propagation of a sporting spirit, to enhance Egyptian prestige everywhere in the world, to combat private and party intrigues. This too may sound good in the blueprint stage, but is not exactly what the Egyptian students want.

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GAMAL Abdul Nasser with his middle-class revolution (to use his own words) has been marking time for many months. "Al Gumhurya" does not cease to write about the absolute and urgent need of general economic planning, but almost nothing is done in practice. Military movements in Latin America, not unlike the one in Egypt, now have occasionally succeeded in carrying out important social reforms. Was it because they attained a much larger measure of public support? The failure of the *Junta* on the domestic front does not cause much exultation in this country. It is very well realized that this may be the last chance for Egypt for many years. And failure at home invariably means a more aggressive foreign policy. The new wave of attacks in the Gaza area and the extreme sentences in the Cairo trial reflect apparently the victory of the fanatical-nationalist element over the reformist faction in the *Junta*.

Jerusalem, January 30.

Jordan Blocked In Attempt to Distort J'lem Area Accord

A fresh Jordanian attempt to distort the character of the proposed Jerusalem area commanders' agreement has been rejected by the Israel Foreign Ministry, *The Jerusalem Post* Diplomatic Correspondent learned last night. On Friday afternoon, Mr. Joseph Tekoah in charge of Armistice Affairs at the Foreign Ministry, conferred with Gen. E. L. M. Burns, U.N. Chief of Staff, on this matter.

The Jerusalem area commanders' agreement is one between two parties — Israel and Jordan. Jordan's new proposal is that the signatures of Israel, Jordan and the U.N. Truce Supervision Organization be attached to the agreement without indicating their respective status, that is to say, without stating explicitly whether as party or witness. This is considered nothing but a variation of the proposal which sought to make the U.N. a party to the agreement and has been rejected by Israel.

As will be recalled, Israel agreed to the U.N. Chief of Staff witnessing the agreement as originally demanded by Jordan. However, the Jordanian authorities thereafter changed their minds no less than three times regarding the agreement, each time raising new objections. On the last occasion, November 30, 1954, the representatives of the parties were already assembled to sign the agreement, when the Jordanians suddenly demanded that the U.N. representative should sign not as a witness, but as a party to the agreement.

Out of Character

Foreign Ministry sources emphasized that this mode of signature was out of accord with the character of the Armistice Agreement. That was a two-party agreement entered into under the auspices of the U.N., and not a tripartite agreement in which the U.N. itself figured as a party. In Israel's view, the Jordanian proposal seeks to place the U.N. in a position inappropriate for an international organization and one, in fact, which it has not sought to obtain for itself.

In these circumstances, it was pointed out in official circles, the Jordanian manoeuvres and changes of attitude fail to reflect a sense of seriousness or responsibility on their part regarding the problems of order and security in the border region.

Burns Takes 'Pleasure Trip' to Akaba

General E. L. M. Burns, head of the U.N. Truce Supervision Organization, and several U.N. Observers visited Akaba yesterday and were received by the British Commander of the base. The party did not cross over to Eilat. The General told *The Jerusalem Post* on his return to Jerusalem that it was "a pleasure trip," and that he hoped soon to have a look at Israel's southern areas.

General Burns plans further talks with the Syrian Government, as he has yet had no reaction to his submission for the release of the four Israel soldiers. The release of the men, captured on December 8, was ordered by the Mixed Armistice Commission on January 12.

JORDAN SAYS ISRAEL MASSING TROOPS

Jordan has submitted a complaint to the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission against alleged Israel troop concentrations near Khirbet e-Sikkeh in the Hebron Hills, the Old City daily, "El Jihad," reported. Jordan alleged that about 160 Israel soldiers had been engaged in building fortifications there.

Jordan National Guard and Arab Legion units in the area had been alerted, the paper added.

Premiers in Cairo Defer Decision Until Today

Hurried instructions were sent from Baghdad to the Iraqi mission in Cairo yesterday, following an emergency three-hour meeting headed by King Faisal in a last effort to end the deadlock over Egypt's opposition to the proposed Turco-Iraqi pact. The Arab League Premiers met last night in their final conference following which a joint communique was to have been issued.

The Premiers adjourned their meeting after a three-hour debate without issuing the final communique on its decisions, Cairo Radio announced last night. They will meet today.

But Arab reports indicated that the entire dispute appeared by this week-end to have degenerated to the argument whether the projected alliance would be an "agreement" which would be allowed, or a "real pact," which would run counter to the principles of the Arab collective security pact.

Little credence was being given Cairo-inspired reports that Iraq faced expulsion from the Arab League if she goes ahead with her intention of signing a pact with Turkey. Cairo diplomatic circles said that the only alternative facing the Premiers would be to accept the link with Turkey as an accomplished fact. Observers also viewed with skepticism the report that Egypt has persuaded the rest of the Arab League not to join the proposed alliance.

'In League's Interest'

Official quarters close to the Baghdad Cabinet stated after the emergency meeting last night that the Government would soon conclude the pact with Turkey, adding that it was in the interests of the other Arab League states to join the treaty. A communique issued after the meeting said that Foreign Minister Musa Shabander, in a statement to Arab Foreign Ministers in Cairo last month, was clear in claiming Iraq's right to conclude any agreement without restrictions.

Dr. Fadhel Jamali, member of the Iraqi mission in Cairo, said in an interview, that there is no doubt Iraq will insist on signing the pact with Turkey.

One of the most ardent supporters of the proposed pact, the Lebanese Socialist deputy, Emile Bustani, arrived in Cairo over the week-end. He interviewed many of the Arab leaders and spoke at length in order to convince them "to be more realistic" in seeking an alliance with the West.

Major Salah Salem, Egyptian Propaganda Minister, declared that the Arab countries would welcome Western aid but were opposed to concluding any defence pacts.

Observers pointed out that if this is embodied in the final resolutions of the conference, it would be a reversal of Egypt's position, which was one of refusal of American arms, and would run counter to statements made during the past 10 days by the Egyptian press and officials who have been strenuously opposing any connections with outside states.

(Reuter, NEABS, ANA, INA)

PIPE, SPRINKLERS STOLEN

Ninety metres of irrigation pipes and five sprinklers were stolen from Gevim settlement in the Western Negev on Thursday night. Tracks of four men led to the Gaza Strip.

A live grenade found near Moshav Mish'an in the same area was dismantled by the Police on Friday.

Johnston Continues Jordan Talks

Ambassador Eric Johnston, President Eisenhower's special envoy for the Jordan Valley project, resumed his talks in the Kirya in Tel Aviv on Friday morning, and continued them last night after a Sabbath break. The Ambassador's negotiations formally opened in Jerusalem on Thursday.

The Israel delegation at the talks is headed by the Minister of Finance, Mr. L. Eshkol.

Several experts took part in the discussions on Friday. They were, Mr. G. Eliasburg, head of agricultural planning in the Ministry of Agriculture; Dr. Y. Rubin of the Rehovot research station and Mr. R. Weitz, head of the Jewish Agency settlement department. It is understood that the discussion centred on the technical aspects of the Jordan scheme in this country.

10,000 Sticks of TNT Seized in Cyprus

NICOSIA, Saturday (UP).—More than 10,000 sticks of dynamite were found among the explosives in the 100-ton Greek motorboat captured at midnight on Tuesday, while the manuscript of the draft of a pamphlet apparently intended for issue in Cyprus were among the documents seized, the Government announced today.

All the seven Cypriots under arrest are members of the rightwing Farmers Union. Police raided a number of the union's offices throughout the island last night, the statement revealed.

Egypt Adamant on Suez

WASHINGTON, Saturday (INA). — The Egyptian Ambassador, Ahmed Hussein, made it clear yesterday that his country has no present intention of permitting Israel ships to pass through the Suez Canal. He was replying to a question submitted by the National Foreign Relations Commission of the American Legion.

Two Leading Zionists Said Freed in Rumania

MUNICH, Saturday (Reuter).—Radio Free Europe reported today that two prominent Rumanian Zionists have been freed from long prison sentences.

The Radio, an unofficial American anti-Communist station, quoted "highly reliable sources." It named the released prisoners as Mr. Jean Litman, former President of the Zionist World Congress in Rumania, serving a 15-year sentence, and Mrs. Susanna Benvenisti, wife of a past President of the Zionist organization in Rumania. Mrs. Benvenisti was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in October, 1953.

"About 200 other Zionist officials are still imprisoned," the radio said.

Ike's Pastor in Anti-Zionist Group

NEW YORK, Saturday. — Miss Dorothy Thompson has resigned as Chairman of the American Friends of the Middle East's National Council and has been succeeded by the Rev. L.R. Elson, Pastor of the Washington Church attended by President Eisenhower. Miss Thompson will continue as President of the A.F.-M.E. and Chairman of the organization's Board of Directors.

The third annual conference of the body concluded here yesterday.

Discussing Israel opposition to the American arms aid programme for the Arab States, Mr. James P. Richard, Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, told the American Friends of the Middle East last night that the U.S. must be fair to both Arabs and Jews alike.

He declared that the Arab countries are "an essential link" in the Middle East against Communism.

Mr. Richard raised the question of dual allegiance among the people of the U.S. He said that there is no place in the country for "hyphenated" Americans. U.S. citizens, whether of Jewish, Irish, Italian or any other origin should be "100 per cent American citizens once they have saluted the Stars and Stripes." Americans should give allegiance to their own country first, he stressed.

Mr. George Allen, new Assistant Secretary of State for Near East Affairs, made his first public appearance here since assuming his office. He spoke for more than half an hour without saying one word to offend Israel or Zionists.

(USIS, UP, SNA)

World-Wide Pleas, Protests Made To Save Condemned

Protests and pleas for intercession with the Egyptian authorities to avert the execution of the two Jews sentenced to death for spying for Israel increased yesterday.

Dr. Israel Brodie, Chief Rabbi of the British Commonwealth, said that the whole Jewish world and humanitarians of all creeds learned "with horror and dismay" of the death sentences. Civilized countries, guided by the universal religious precepts of justice and mercy, did not carry out the death sentence in cold blood on charges of that kind and while not engaged in military operations, he added.

Ahmed Tallat, Counsellor at the Egyptian Embassy, said that he had promised the Agudat Israel Political Secretary, Mr. H.A. Goodman, that he would immediately convey to his Government the organization's expressions of sorrow and concern at the severity of the sentences imposed in Cairo. Tallat said that many protests had been received which had been conveyed to the Cairo authorities.

In New York, many Jewish organizations protested against the sentences. The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations cabled an appeal to President Eisenhower to use the good offices of the U.S. Government to seek clemency for the two Jews condemned to death. The Rabbinical Alliance of America has protested to the Egyptian Embassy and to the Secretary-General of the U.N.

The State Department spokesman stated yesterday that the sentencing of the Jews in Cairo was purely "an internal affair" of the Egyptian Government. The U.S. cannot interfere directly in the matter. But it must be pointed out, he said, that the U.S. Government has made efforts in this direction. He did not explain what these "efforts" consisted of.

"The New York Times" said yesterday that the conviction of the Jews in Cairo further complicated the situation in the Middle East. "The execution of the prisoners would aggravate existing hostility, from which only the Communists can gain."

"It might be wise as well as humane if Egypt would temper justice with mercy, and thereby ease the tensions that now afflict the whole Middle Eastern area," the newspaper added.

In Rome, Mr. Roger N. Baldwin, Chairman of the International League of the Rights of Man, cabled last night to the Egyptian Premier to commute the death sentences. While in Cairo, Mr. Baldwin had attended several sessions of the trial.

(Reuter, UP, INA)

Public Meetings Held In Settlements

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee which met at the Kirya here yesterday, was informed of the steps taken by foreign powers to induce Egypt to commute the death sentences passed on two victims of the Zionist show trial.

Protests against Egyptian brutality and harshness were voiced in many public meetings held in various settlements in the Sharon and the Shomron areas last night and today.

A public meeting will be held in the Second of November (Mograbi) Square at 6 p.m. tomorrow. It is sponsored by the Committee for the defence of those convicted in Egypt, founded by the Association of Immigrants from Egypt of which Tel Aviv Chief Magistrate E.Y. Halevy is Chairman.

The Israel Medical Association has expressed shock in the face of the traversy of justice at the Cairo show trial in which sentence of death was passed on two Jewish defendants, one a physician, Dr. Moshe Marzouk, a French citizen.

In a cable sent to Dr. Louis

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ENVOY TO TURKEY HERE FOR TALKS

Mr. Maurice Fischer, Israel Minister to Turkey, is due to arrive in Jerusalem today for consultations with the Foreign Ministry, the Ministry spokesman announced last night. Mr. Fischer met with the Turkish Prime Minister and Foreign Minister on Thursday evening, following their return from several Arab countries.

Dulles Sees No Major War Starting in Formosa Crisis

UN Council, UK Try for Peace

The U.N. Security Council is to meet in New York tomorrow to consider action which might bring an end to fighting in the Formosa area. It was called into session on Friday night by Sir Leslie Knox Munro of New Zealand, President of the Council for January, on behalf of his country.

The announcement was made in New York at the same time that the British Ambassador in Moscow, Sir William Hayter, called on Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov in a bid to enlist Soviet support for the U.N. action.

Simultaneously, in Peking the British Charge d'Affaires, Mr. Humphrey Trevelyan, called on the Premier and Foreign Minister, Mr. Chou En-lai, with a request that China agree to send a representative to the Security Council debate. Mr. Trevelyan did not issue an invitation, but merely expressed the hope that Peking would accept an invitation, which is expected to be issued by the Security Council tomorrow.

The British Foreign Office said officially that Mr. Trevelyan evoked a "very considerable reaction" from Mr. Chou, whose views "cannot be regarded as definitive."

The British initiative met with a cool reception both in Moscow and Peking. Mr. Molotov's reply, quoted by Moscow Radio, said that Russia was ready to support any move to reduce international tension. At the same time, he stated, the British Ambassador had completely circumvented the real reasons for tension in the area — "an integral part of the national territory of China." Mr. Molotov continued, "it is perfectly clear that these causes are to be found in the gross interference of the U.S. in the internal affairs of China and the endeavour to separate Formosa from China."

"Pravda" yesterday flatly rejected the idea of a cease-fire as "a piece of diplomatic demagogy" which "signifies nothing but blackmail." It said that "if the U.S. were not supported by Britain in its aggressive policy in the Far East, America would not dare carry out such actions in the region of Formosa." British ruling circles, the paper wrote, were supporting the U.S. although this ran counter to Britain's own vital interest.

Diplomatic circles in London stated that Mr. Chou En-lai had withheld a direct answer in his meeting with Mr. Trevelyan. He said he would refer the matter to his Government, but repeated China's claim to Formosa and insisted that the fate of all Nationalist-held islands was purely the domestic concern of China.

These circles declined to reveal Mr. Chou's response to the British appeal for military restraint, but they said that Mr. Trevelyan had warned the Chinese Premier not to assume that the U.S. would refrain from full military support of the Nationalists if the Communists attacked the coastal islands.

The Chinese position was amplified by Peking's official "People's Daily," which threatened yesterday that "heavy blows" would be dealt to the American armed forces "if they dare encroach upon us." It declared in an editorial that "the Chinese people will liberate Taiwan (Formosa)" and said that neither any country nor the U.N. has any right to interfere with this question, "which is essentially within China's domestic jurisdiction." As to international tension, the paper claimed that this question would not arise were there no outside interference.

(UP, Reuter)

Fighting Over China Isles 'Folly': Pearson

The Canadian External Affairs Minister, Mr. Lester Pearson, said in a recorded broadcast made in Ottawa before flying to London on Friday night that it would be "unutterable folly" to allow the Chinese offshore islands to become the scene of a major conflict.

The policies being worked out in Washington are American and "Canada is not committed to them," he added.

"Any obligation which we might have in regard to Formosa could arise only from our responsibilities as a United Nations member."

Mr. Pearson, accompanied by Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent, was on his way to the London Commonwealth Conference beginning tomorrow.

In London today, a leading member of the British Labour Party, Mr. Anthony Greenwood, said that if the United States went to war over Formosa, Britain should insist on the withdrawal of American troops from the U.K.

MANILA ACCEPTS BID TO ASIAN PARLEY

MANILA, Saturday (UP). — President Ramon Magsaysay and Congressional leaders decided today to accept an invitation to participate in the Afro-Asian conference scheduled for April in Bandoeng, Indonesia.

The decision was taken after Vice-President Carlos P. Garcia had pointed out that Philippine refusal to attend the conference would only serve to emphasize that charge by some Asians that the country was "more Western than Asian."

Italy Interested In Balkan Alliance

ROME, Saturday (Reuter). — Italy's entry into the Balkan Pact with Turkey, Yugoslavia and Greece will be a main subject of discussion at the official visit to Rome beginning tomorrow of Premier Adnan Menderes and Foreign Minister Fuad Koprulu, of Turkey.

The Italians are interested in the question of joining the pact but do not think that the time is ripe, according to a Foreign Office spokesman today.

An Italian soldier was wounded today by Yugoslav frontier police after "inadvertently" crossing into the Yugoslav Zone of Trieste, an official communique announced tonight in Trieste.

Tunisian Home Rule 'Duty' of France

PARIS, Saturday (Reuter). — Premier Pierre Mendes-France said tonight that it was his Government's duty to give home rule to Tunisia despite the high feeling aroused by the subject which "may quite possibly endanger the existence of the Government."

Eisenhower, Dulles Go on Vacation

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter). – Secretary of State John Foster Dulles is reported to have told America's SEATO allies yesterday that he was confident that a major war would not erupt from the Formosa crisis.

Representatives of Britain, France, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Thailand, the Philippines and Pakistan met with Mr. Dulles in the State Department to settle any differences before the Bangkok meeting of Foreign Ministers of the signatories of the Manila Pact for South-East Asian defence.

Mr. Dulles began a week-long vacation in the Bahama Islands today.

President Eisenhower today signed the resolution approved by the Senate by 85 votes to 3 on Friday (and by the House last Tuesday) authorizing him to use any force necessary to defend Formosa and the nearby Pescadores Islands. The authority included the use of American armed forces for the defence of such places as Quemoy and Matsu islands, which lie off the Chinese mainland.

In signing the resolution, Mr. Eisenhower said that the U.S. is ready to support a U.N. effort to end the present hostilities in the area, "but we are also united in our determination to defend an area vital to the security of the U.S. and the free world."

Later today, he flew to Augusta, Georgia, for a 48-hour vacation.

The measure was granted him unchanged last night in an overwhelming Senate vote of 85 to 3, after three amendments to limit his powers were roundly defeated.

The three Senators who voted against the motion were Messrs. William Langer, Republican, Herbert Lehman, Democrat and Wayne Morse, Independent.

Senators Lehman, Langer and Kefauver had moved the defeated amendments which in essence would have ruled out of the American defence orbit the Quemoy and Matsu island groups near the Communist mainland. They would also have barred the use of American armed forces on the Chinese mainland.

A fourth amendment which would have put the Senate on record in favour of severing diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union was defeated in a voice vote.

US NAVY TO SAVE TROOPS ON TACHENS

TAIPEH Saturday (UP). — American naval vessels actually will take Chinese Nationalists men and equipment off Tachen beaches, a high American official told United Press today.

He said the Seventh Fleet Commander, Vice-Admiral Alfred M. Pride, is feverishly "searching" for landing craft and other ships to be used in the operation.

The official said American naval craft will go right up to shore through waters reportedly already containing mines.

It was estimated here that the evacuation would take "three or four days."

US FORBIDS KIN TO SEE FLIERS IN CHINA

NEW YORK, Saturday (UP). — The task of pressing for the release of the American fliers jailed in China has gone back to the U.N. Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjold. The Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, ruled yesterday that the airmen's relatives would not be given permission to go China to see the prisoners.

In a letter notifying the relatives of the decision Mr. Dulles said, "We cherish the hope that the unremitting efforts to which the U.N. has dedicated itself will secure the release of the imprisoned U.S. military personnel." If these fail, the airmen's kin were promised that the U.S. "will renew our own efforts."

Relatives of the 11 American airmen met today and unanimously supported the Government's decision not to allow them to visit their sons and husbands. Several said that they considered the Chinese offer as a purely propaganda move.

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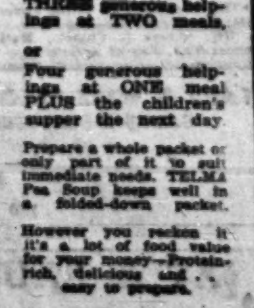

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Social & Personal

Mr. Nahum Verlinsky, General Manager of Tnuva, and Mr. Mendes H. Sachs, of the Pardess Syndicate, have joined the Board of Directors of the Bank Leumi.

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A reception for the Belgian Senator and Mrs. Roger Motz was given by the Olei Belgia Circle at the home of Mr. D. Ferdman in Tel Aviv, yesterday. Mr. D. Bar-Slav, of the Circle, greeted the Senator, whose sympathy for the Zionist cause pre-dated the birth of the State of Israel by many years. The Minister of Health, Mr. J. Serlin, and Knesset Members were among those present.

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Chief Rabbi Herzog was host to Lionel Hampton, at the kiddush in his Jerusalem home yesterday. The orchestra leader was the week-end guest in the capital of Mr. R. R. Horowitz, of the Magen David Adom Board of Trustees, and was conducted on a tour of Jerusalem, kibbutz Ma'ale Hahamisha and Abu Ghosh.

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The Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Y. Efrati, addressed Rotarians in Safad on "Agricultural Development in Galilee and other parts of the country" on Thursday evening.

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ARRIVAL: Dr. Z. Senish, head of the laboratory for fruit and vegetable preserves at the Rehovot Agricultural Station, from a study mission to the U.S. and Mediterranean countries on a U.S. Technical Aid fellowship.

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DEPARTURE: Mr. H. C. Katz, the Austrian Commercial Delegate, for Nicosia (by Cyprus Airways).

Danish Premier Dead

STOCKHOLM, Saturday (UP). —The Danish Premier, Mr. Hans C. Hedtoft, 51, died of a heart attack in his hotel room last night. He had come here to attend a meeting of the Nordic Council.

MEMORIAL FOR THE 35

A memorial ceremony for the 35 men who fell in the War of Liberation while on their way to relieve the Etzion Bloc settlements, was held on Friday at the military cemetery on Mt. Herzl, Jerusalem. Among those present was the wife of the President, Mrs. Rahel Ben-Zvi.

Many attending the ceremony went to the University Campus later to witness the presentation of the annual IL.200 botany prize in memory of one of the fallen, Tuvia Kushnir. (Itim)

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

JERUSALEM: Abramovitz, 21 King George, 4972; Kerem Abraham, 19 Zephania, 2960.
TEL AVIV: Dr. Kolberg, 28 Allenby, 28355; Dr. Michlin, 112 Allenby, 3253; Frankel, 25 King George, 3721; Nordau, 183 Ben Yehuda, 23573; Maccabi New Maccabi Qtr. 67367; **JAFFA:** Sa'ad, 24 Jerusalem Blvd. 61445.
RAMAT GAN: Herzl, 54 Herzl. **GIVATAYIM:** Hadassah, Katznelson, or Modi'in. **B'NEI BRAK:** Refuah. **NATANYA:** Natanya.
HAIFA: Herzl, 48 Herzl, 3916; Hakohav, 28 Wadi Salib. **KIRYAT MOTZKIN:** Pentagon. **NAHARIYA:** Nahariya. **SAFAD:** Feldman.

EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS

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HAIFA: Dr. Sherman, 3 Hanevi'im, 3424; Dr. Ludwig, 24 Shivat Zion 67417.

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At 3.30, 6.30 and 8.30 p.m.
ARMON: Apache, 2nd week.
EDEN: Mambo, 2nd week. Also at 10.30 a.m.
EDISON: [illegible], 3rd week.
ORGIL: The Moon is Blue.
ORION: How to Marry a Millionaire, 2nd week.
ORNA: Secret Four.
RON: "L'Age de l'Amour".
STUDIO: Belle of New York.
TEL OR: Paid in Full.
ZION HALL: "Les Compagnes de la Nuit", 2nd week.

TEL AVIV

At 3.30, 7.15 and 9.15 p.m.
ALLENBY: Les Enfants de l'Amour, 4th week.
CHEN: The Caine Mutiny.
ESTHER: Love is better than ever.
MOGRABI: The Robe. 3.30, 7.15 and 9.45.
TAMAR: Come Back, Little Sheba, 4th week; 7.15 and 9.15. Continuous from 9.45 a.m. to 5.45 p.m.: The Great Gatsby.
ZAFON: The Robe.
ZAMIR: Conquest of the Desert, 7.15 and 9.15 p.m. Also continuous from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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LAW REPORT

The Jerusalem Post January 30, 1955

In the Supreme Court Sitting as High Court of Justice
Before the President (Justice Olshan), Justices Silberg and Witkon.
Sherut Taxidrivers' Organization, Tel Aviv, Applicant, v. The Mayor and Municipal Council of Tel Aviv and others, Respondents.
(H.C.106/54)

No Discrimination Against Sherut Taxis

The Supreme Court discharged an order nisi granted to the applicants on July 7, 1954.

The order nisi against the Mayor, and Municipal Council of Tel Aviv, the Controller of Road Transport, and the Traffic Department called on them to show cause why they should not remove the existing traffic signs indicating taxi-stands and bus stops in the Tel Aviv-Jaffa area, and why they should not introduce general parking-places for all public vehicles or, alternatively, why they should not appreciably increase the number of taxi-stands for the applicants' members.

The application was based on a claim by the Organization that they had been badly treated by the Tel Aviv Municipality in that the latter had so placed bus-stops and other traffic signs in the streets of the city, and particularly in Allenby Street, that in view of the prohibition against stopping a vehicle less than 12 metres from a corner and less than 15 metres from a bus-stop, no real opportunity was given the Sherut taxis to pick up and let off passengers and they were thus deprived of their means of livelihood; and secondly, that the Municipality had not allocated parking-places to the members of the Organization, or at least to a substantial proportion of them and had deprived them of the use of existing taxi-ranks by confining these to particular taxis only.

On the Return Day, Mr. Ganor appeared for the applicants, Mr. Silbiger, Mr. Bar and Mr. Bar-Or for the respondents.

Judgment

In his judgment, with which the President and Justice Silberg concurred, Justice Witkon said that, despite the lengthy arguments submitted to the Court, the decision could be given in brief.

Insofar as the bus-stops and other traffic signs in Allenby Road are concerned, Justice Witkon held that there were sufficient parking spaces throughout the whole length of the street for picking-up and letting off passengers despite all the restrictions, and that there was therefore no basis for the applicants' complaints of unlawful and unfair discrimination in favour of the bus companies. No proof had been adduced that the Municipality had acted illegally or arbitrarily, or had been influenced by irrelevant considerations, these being the only criteria for justifying the interference of the courts. Further the bus-stops and traffic signs were fixed under instructions given by the Mayor himself and there were no grounds for the claim that he had unlawfully delegated his powers to the Traffic Engineer. Justice Witkon also summarily dismissed Mr. Ganor's contention that it was inadmissible to order the affixing of traffic signs in specific places before a general order had been published in "Reshumot."

With regard to the applicants' contention that the sections of the Municipal bye-law which empowers the Municipality to assign parking places to specific taxis was ultra vires, Justice Witkon held that there was no basis for it; nor was there anything unreasonable or illogical in these provisions, as submitted by the applicant. The unruly and disorderly state of affairs which had existed when there were general parking places open to all and sundry, had led to introduction of a new system, calculated to prevent squabbling and public disturbances. If, continued Justice Witkon, individual taxi-drivers felt that they were discriminated against by the Municipality and not assigned parking places for personal reasons, then these individuals could come to the High Court and ask for its assistance.

As for the picture which Counsel for the applicants had painted of taxi-drivers, who were not assigned a parking-place, being forced to cruise around endlessly without having even a quiet side-street in which to leave their taxis while they rested or supped, Justice Witkon pointed out that there would probably be no difficulty in obtaining overnight parking-places in the quiet suburbs of the city. The request for the re-instatement of general parking places for all public vehicles was dismissed as frivolous and unacceptable since it could only lead to chaos and to confusion worse confounded.

Criteria of Discrimination

After agreeing with Justice Witkon's conclusions, the President expanded on the applicants' contention that the Tel Aviv Municipality was discriminating against them in favour of the bus services, pointing out that this approach was fundamentally incorrect. Every administrative decision said Justice Olshan, had in it an element of discrimination. If, for example, only a limited number of people were given green registration numbers, those who were refused them would feel that they had been discriminated against. The sting was not in the discrimination as such but in the considerations which led to the discrimination. If those are invalid in that they are unlawful, then the discrimination itself is invalid. The discrimination which the Municipality had shown towards the bus companies in its traffic regulations had not been based on unlawful considerations (as was apparent from Justice Witkon's judgment) nor did it prevent the applicants from pursuing their occupation.

If it were true, concluded Justice Olshan, that the Sherut service was necessary, in addition to the bus services, for the efficient functioning of urban transport — as claimed by the applicants — then surely it was the function not of the High Court but of the respondents to consider and solve this problem.

Order nisi discharged.

Decision given on January 27, 1955.

IL.157m. Allotted In Counterpart Funds

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — More than IL.157m. have been allotted to date from Counterpart Funds for development projects approved jointly by the Israel Government and U.S.O.M., it was announced here yesterday by Dr. Lincoln R. Hale, Director of the U.S. Operations Mission to Israel.

Dr. Hale also revealed that out of the approved amount, nearly IL.130m. have already been withdrawn by the Israel Government. The Counterpart Funds are proceeds from sales of goods imported with U.S. grant-in-aid dollars.

In all, 800 counterpart projects have been approved to be financed partly or entirely by Counterpart Funds. The projects range from such minor works as building of cattle sheds to gigantic enterprises such as planting of millions of trees, constructing major water dams and pipelines, extension of railways, etc.

The amounts allocated from Counterpart Funds went to the following fields:

Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries	IL. 72,752,755
Health and Sanitation	IL. 1,800,000
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Industry and Trade	IL. 12,333,000
Transportation, Communications & Public Works (Housing)	IL. 65,888,980
Public Administration (Includes Social Welfare)	IL. 400,000
TOTAL	IL.157,479,735

The withdrawals so far effected are the following:

Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries	IL. 61,166,824
Health and Sanitation	IL. 1,350,000
Education	IL. 1,000,000
Mineral Resources	IL. 1,752,000
Industry and Trade	IL. 9,483,000
Transportation, Communications & Public Works (Housing)	IL. 58,470,900
Public Administration (Includes Social Welfare)	IL. 776,000
TOTAL	IL.129,000,136

Fanatic Moslem Sect Active in Indonesia

DJAKARTA, Saturday (Reuter). — Followers of the outlawed Darul Islam movement have infiltrated into several of the Molucca islands between Celebes and New Guinea, according to reports received by the Indonesian news agency from Amboina today.

The Darul Islam movement is led by a fanatical Moslem leader, Kartosuwirio, who seeks to establish a strict Islamic state. He proclaimed such a state in the mountain regions of West Java six years ago, and since then his movement has spread to the northernmost part of Sumatra.

Scrip Prices to Be Reduced by 30%

Scrip prices are to be reduced by 30-35 per cent, it is learned from Scrip shops in Jerusalem. The reduction will be made possible principally by reducing the commission paid to agents in the U.S. to between 5-10 per cent. Up to now it was as high as 30 per cent.

Also contributing to the reduction in prices is a new agreement signed between the Scrip firms and the Government last week.

The new prices will apply only to the new series of Scrip certificates which have just gone on sale in the U.S. The deadline for the redemption of old Scrip certificates is to be decided today or tomorrow, and there may be a period of a few weeks when two sets of prices will be in effect.

The new price of a 2 lb. package of frozen meat will be $1.40 (instead of the present $3.10). Nescafe will cost $1.00 ($1.50); Danish butter, $1.00 ($1.45); dried prunes, 50c. (80c.); and canned beef, 70c. (95c.).

Under terms of the new agreement with the Government, the companies will turn over to the Treasury, as heretofore, 42.5 per cent of their turnover in dollars, but the payment will be in three instalments as follows: 10 per cent upon the granting of the import licence, 50 per cent upon the receipt of the goods, and 40 per cent two months later.

Up to now the Scrip firms were required to transfer 25 per cent upon the granting of the licence, and 75 per cent upon the receipt of the goods.

The Scrip firms have also been promised that import licences will be issued without the long delays which often occurred in the past.

Big Scores In President's Cup

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Seven matches took place today in the President's Cup Competition, in which only teams from Maccabi and Betar are participating.

Results were: Ramat Gan Macc. 5, Jaffa Betar 1; Jaffa Macc. 9, Jerusalem Betar 1; Rehovot Macc. 4, Tel Aviv Betar 3; Tel Aviv Macc. 1, Natanya Macc. 1; Hadera Macc. 4, Rishon Le'Zion Macc. 4.

The President's Cup match between the Jerusalem and Petah Tikva Maccabi teams ended in uproar a few minutes before the end at the Y.M.C.A. ground yesterday, when the spectators invaded the pitch and refused to budge. One man was arrested.

When the referee stopped play, Petah Tikva led 4-1. The visitors were the better side, co-ordinating well together. The best home side man was the goalkeeper, who prevented a higher score.

Earlier Jerusalem Betar Youth held Ramle Hapoel to a goalless draw. The result was fair as neither side could find its "shooting boots."

Other results were:— **LEAGUE B:** Tel Aviv Hakoah 3, Jerusalem Hap. 0; Bet Lidd Hap. 2, Balfouria Hap 1; Kfar Saba Hap 3, Acre Hap. 1. **HANDBALL LEAGUE: FRIENDLIES:** Tel Aviv Hap. 7, Tel Aviv Macc. 6; Rehovot Macc. 15, Haifa Macc. 6; Rishon Le Zion Macc. 6, Haifa Technion 9; Maccabi North 11, Rehovot Hap. 6; Jerusalem University 8, Petah Tikva Macc. 7.

Jordan Science Group Names Toukan as Head

AMMAN, Saturday (Reuter). — The Society of Sciences in Jordan today elected as its Administrative Board Chairman Kadri Toukan, an ex-member of Parliament and a pro-leftist.

The Board included four Ministry Under-Secretaries and high-ranking government officers.

Kibbutz Yagur Wins Carmel Relay

HAIFA, Saturday.—Kibbutz Yagur won the Round-the-Carmel relay race here today, covering the distance of 86 kms. in 5 hours 36 mins. 34.6 secs. Three teams of 40 runners each, including girls from Kibbutz Ein Harod-Bet Hashita, Yagur and Daphne-Kfar Szold, participated.

The race was run in memory of the late Yehoshua Globerman, of Yagur, a Hagana leader who fell in the War of Independence. The Ein Harod-Bet Hashita team was second in 5:39:52, with Daphne-Kfar Szold third, in 5:51:30.

Games here brought the following results:— **FOOTBALL: FRIENDLY:** Ramat Gan Hap. 4, Haifa Hap. 0. **PRESIDENT'S CUP:** Haifa Macc 2, Rehovot - Sha'araim Macc. 1. **LEAGUE B:** Christian Brotherhood 2, Atlit F.C. 1; Nahariya Hap. 1, Haifa Hap. 0. **YOUTH LEAGUE:** Haifa Hap Hahevesh 1, Haifa Hakoah 0; Haifa Hap. Yehuda 4, Acre Hap. 1; Kiryat Haim Hap. 4, Haifa Macc. 1. **BASKETBALL: NAVY CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS:** Navy Training Command 35, Fifth Flotilla 23. **MACCABI LEAGUE:** B.M.A. 38, Haifa Macc. 47.

Eighty youths, up to the age of 15, took part in the first round of the Haifa Municipal Chess championships, which started on Thursday. The second round will be played next Tuesday at the Municipal Club.

Football League To Elect Directorate

TEL AVIV, Saturday.—Matches of the First Division of the Football League which consists of 14 teams are to be held all over the country next Saturday, according to a ruling by District Judge Y. Lamm, who had been appointed sole arbitrator of the dispute in the Israel Football Association, here yesterday.

He also ruled that the present directorate of the Association stay in office until the general assembly elects another directorate in March. This new directorate will be made up of seven representatives of Hapoel, five of Maccabi and two of Betar.

Internal disputes within the League have delayed the start of the First Division competition for two months.

DISTRICT COURT OF HAIFA
P.R. 28/55.

In the matter of the late Yehuda Zelig SLUTZKER of Kfar Ata, who died on June 24, 1954.

PETITIONER: Liuba Teitsman of Kfar Ata, Shikun Amidar 81/1, represented by M. Nathbium of 20 Rehov Herzl, Haifa.

SUMMONS: — Let all persons take notice that Liuba Teitsman has applied to the District Court of Haifa for an order declaring the succession of the late Zelig Yehuda Slutzker and that the said application will be heard on February 16, 1955 at 10.15 a.m.

Any person claiming any interest must appear at the said place and date, otherwise such order will be given as to the Court seems right.

S. BAZI — Registrar
January 1, 1955

DISTRICT COURT OF HAIFA
P.R. 29/55.

In the matter of the late DAVID FRANKEL who died at Haifa on Sept. 4, 1954.

PETITIONER: Gusti Frankel née Uhrman of Haifa represented by Dr. A. Robinsohn, Advocate, Haifa.

SUMMONS:—Let all persons take notice that Gusti Frankel has applied to the District Court of Haifa for an order declaring the succession of the late David Frankel, and that the said application will be heard on February 16, 1955 at 11 a.m.

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St. Andrew's Church (Scots Memorial) M. S. 10 a.m. Vesper service united with Y.M.C.A. at 6.30 p.m.

Combined Evangelical Services (Y.M.C.A. Lecture Hall): 7.30 p.m. All Welcome.

Catholic: 6 a.m. German Hospice Chapel Languages: German, Italian, English, French. 7 a.m. Terra Sancta Chapel, Languages: English, French, German, Italian; St. Pierre de Sion (Ratisbonne). Languages: French, Arabic, English, German, Hungarian, Hebrew, Portuguese: 8 a.m. Jesuits Chapel (near King David Hotel). Languages: French, Polish, English, Italian, German; 9 a.m. Pierre de Sion. 10 a.m. Terra Sancta College.

Notre Dame de France (St. Paul's St.): M.S. 8 a.m. Languages: French, English, German, Italian.

American Gospel Church (Prophets St. near Bikur Holim): Morning Worship, 11 a.m., Mid-week Prayers: Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. Minister M.G. Griebenow.

Y.M.C.A. Christian Fellowship Vesper Service, 6 p.m. All welcome.

Brethren (Y.M.C.A., Room 110): Breaking of Bread, 10.30 a.m.

Church of the Nazarene (St. Julian's Way): E.S. 7.30 p.m.

Bible Evangelical Mission (Pentecostal), Hovevei Zion St., first house: Sunday, 11 a.m. & 7.30 p.m. Saturday 11 a.m. & 7.30 p.m. (Rev. J.W. Foster)

Jerusalem Baptist Congregation (Opp. Gan Rehavia). Wednesday: Bible reading & Prayer, 8 p.m. Friday: E.S. 6 p.m. Saturday: Bible Study 10 p.m.

Seventh Day Adventists (Rehov Abraham Lincoln near Y.M.C.A.): 9.30 a.m. Sabbath School; 10.45 a.m. Preaching & Worship; 4 p.m. Bible class.

Jehovah's Witnesses: Bible Study 7.30 p.m. 16/4 Moria St., Baka'a: Tuesday: 6.30 p.m.

TEL AVIV & JAFFA

Anglican Church (Episcopal) in the Church of the former German Colony (co 19 Eilat St.): H.C. 7 a.m. M.S. 10 a.m. Evening Service 7 p.m. Preacher Rev. W.A. Curtis B.Sc. United Service in St. Peter's Church, Ajami. P.O.B. 2778, Tel Aviv.

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Bible Study, Bet Tarbut Baka'a, 8.15 p.m.

★ **Exhibitions:**—
"Conquest of the Desert" permanent exhibition at the former Israel pavilion of the international "Conquest of the Desert" Exhibition. 10-1, 4-8 p.m.

Department of Antiquities, special exhibition: Excavations of a Cana'anite Temple on the seashore of Nahariya (XVIIIth-XVth centuries B.C.E.) 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech. Open 9-1.

Memorial Exhibition of Architectural Works and Drawings by Leopold Krakauer. Also African Folk Art. Exhibit of the Month: Max Liebermann: Prof. Hermann Cohen. 9-1, 3-5 Bezalel Museum.

★ **Literary Evenings:**—
Modern Poetry — Itzhak Shalev's book "Warm Human Voices" (Ruppin Award), with the participation of Haim Toren and Yeshurun Keshet. Beeri Club, 9 Rehov Alharizi, 8.30 p.m.

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★ **Gramophone Recital:** —
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★ **Conventions:**—
National Convention of the Tourist and Travel Association, Commercial and Industrial Club, 5 p.m.

★ **Exhibition:**—
1) Abstract and Surrealistic Paintings. 2) Moshe Castel, works of 1950-55. Open daily 10-4. Fridays, Saturdays 10-1, Sundays 4-10 p.m. — Tel Aviv Museum.

Photographic Reproductions of Selected American paintings, Z.O.A. House, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

PETAH TIKVA

★ **Exhibition:**—
Sino-Japanese Art, Yad Levanim Building, 8 p.m.

COMING EVENTS

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12.00 N. "Music at Noon" (R). 12.30 Housewives Corner. 12.50 Requests (R). 1.20 Messages to Immigrants. 1.30 Break for Music (R). 2.30 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Music for Sunday (R). 4.40 Piano Recital: Arieh Sachs. 5.00 Talmud Lesson. 5.30 Children's Hour. 7.00 Kol Yisrael Orchestra. Conductor: Hanan Schlesinger. Soloist: Arieh Sadeh: Preludes (Franck); "Poeme" (Chausson). 7.30 Talk. 7.45 What's New in Science. 8.00 Wells of Work. 8.25 Bible Reading. 8.45 Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. Conductor: Sergiu Celibidache: Overture "Anacreon" (Cherubini); Symphony No. 41 (Mozart). 9.30 Milestones. 10.00 Vocal Recital: Niko Feldman. 10.30 "Ron Bah" (R). 11.05 Close Down.

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469, 225, 216, 497, 48.9 & 33.3 M.

English News: 1.45 p.m., 10.15 p.m. French News: 2.00 p.m.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR: 6.15 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. 6.30 French. 7.00 Ladino. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 Close Down. 8.45 p.m. Rumanian. 9.00 Hungarian. 9.15 Close Down.

KOL ZION LAGOLA: (33.2 M.): 11.15 p.m. News. 11.22 Personal Column. 11.30 Newsreel. 11.45 Vocal Recital: Selina Alfandari. 12.00 "Maimonides and the Geonim." Talmud Lesson.

ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 216, 226 & 229 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Songs. 7.00 Galei Zahal Programme, Light Music. 7.30 Sports. 7.45 Requests. 8.30 News. 8.45 Light Music. 10.00 Close Down.

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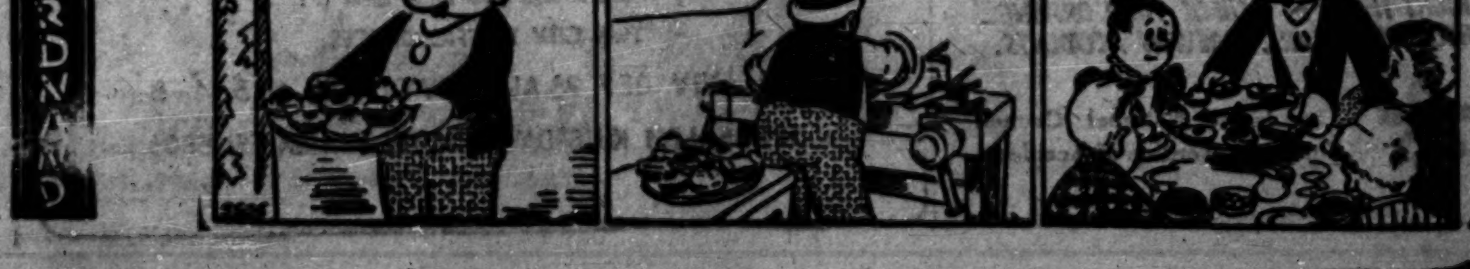

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Haifa Port	53	8	21	21
Natanya	61	9	20	21
Tel Aviv Port	60	8	19	21
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Jerusalem	38	11	16	19
Eilat	30	10	24	26

*A) Humidity at 2 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today.

THE INDIAN immigrants who staged a sit-down strike outside the Jewish Agency offices in Tel Aviv last week, returned to their "posts" on Friday morning after having been taken home by police on Thursday afternoon. The strikers live in Agrobank, Petah Tikva and Mahane Israel.

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AN ISRAEL-ITALIAN Chamber of Commerce has been established by a representative group of businessmen in Tel Aviv.

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FOR STEALING materials belonging to the Shimshon cement firm, in which he is a foreman, Haim Wolfson, was given a one-year suspended sentence on Friday by the Jerusalem District Court President, Dr. B. Halevi. The company had asked that the charges be dropped.

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FOR RECEIVING 920 of the gold coins which had been stolen from the Netherlands Legation in Jerusalem, Joseph Ornstein, 39, of Tel Aviv, was fined IL.200 with the alternative of a suspended sentence of six months imprisonment by the Tel Aviv Magistrate on Friday.

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SEVEN GOATS worth IL.700 which were stolen on Thursday night from Haim Ben Shimon of ma'bara Ir Hamifratz were recovered the next day near ma'bara Shfar Am. A police tracker found their trail.

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THE ECONOMIC Advisory Council of the Prime Minister's Office is to meet in Jerusalem tomorrow morning to continue consideration of the recommendations of its sub-committee on the streamlining of tax collection.

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THE BENSION murder trial has been postponed until tomorrow because of the illness of one of the accused, Avraham Siton.

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THE SITE of a water-cooler which is to be placed on Mt. Zion is now being determined by the Jerusalem Municipality. Donated by Mrs. Deborah Dunkleman of America, it is to be installed by Electra-Westinghouse, of Tel Aviv. The city has already taken steps to free the gift from luxury charges and customs.

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NUMBER 073238 won IL.2,500 in the Mif'al Ha'payis drawing on Thursday. Numbers 132038 and 192705 won IL.1,000 each; numbers 090718, 138983 and 173816 — IL.500 each, and numbers 007491, 015911, 045686, 072199, 181223, 190384 — IL.250 each. All numbers ending with 01 or 26 won IL.2 and those ending with 5 won IL.1.

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THE NEGRO TRIO, headed by Mr. L. Deman, appeared yesterday for the first time at the "Dan Club" after successful appearances in Paris, Geneva, Lausanne, Casablanca, Brussels and London.

'Robe' Passes Censor —Rush for Tickets

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Tonight's premiere of "The Robe," at the Mograbi cinema, here, passed by the Censor after many weeks of high-level discussions, caused yet another of the ticket rushes with which Tel Avivians have become so familiar recently.

Excited by all the advance publicity given to the film, which depicts the birth of Christianity, the public soon bought up all available tickets.

Almost as much interest has been aroused by the film version of the best-selling novel, "The Caine Mutiny," which opened in the Chen cinema here tonight. The stage version is in the Habimah Theatre's current repertoire.

Saturday Night Strollers Seek Sales

Jerusalem Post Staff

Saturday night strollers in the Capital crowded round the illuminated windows of stores promising "amazing bargains" at the seasonal clearance sales which begin today. As last year, the women's fashionwear shops have jumped at the chance to clear out stocks, and almost every window bears large placards. The standard of goods offered appears higher than last winter, although reductions rarely go higher than 10 per cent.

World Jewish Leaders At Miami Bond Talks

MIAMI BEACH, Saturday (UP) —Jewish leaders from North and South America and Western Europe gathered here this weekend to mobilize economic support for Israel through the sale of Israel Development Bonds.

The occasion is the international mobilization conference for Israel bonds.

G.Z. Deciding Tomorrow

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The General Zionists will decide on their final stand on the coalition on Monday night, when members of their Knesset faction and the Party's Executive Board meet in Jerusalem after the Knesset sitting.

The belief that the Party will choose the continuation of the present coalition was voiced by Dr. E. Rimalt, General Zionist M.K., in a public address made in Ramat Gan today. The understanding shown by the "associates" on the coalition warranted the prolongation of the agreement until election time, he said.

The General Zionist representatives on the joint commission with Mapai to discuss electoral reform were appointed by the Party Executive Board yesterday. They are Drs. E. Rimalt and I. Wolf, and Messrs. S. Babe, B. Weinstein and M. Tatze. The Party's representatives on the General Electoral Committee will be Mr. Y. Tamir, the Secretary-General and Messrs. A. Goldstein, B. Weinstein, D. Siton, M. Tatze and S. Gratch.

At a General Zionist meeting in Haifa, Mr. Perets Bernstein, the Party's Chairman, also indicated that they would decide within a few days whether to remain in the Government. Foreign affairs and security questions in which their views did not differ much from those of Mapai, were weighty considerations.

The presentation of a budget was always difficult in a coalition, Mr. Bernstein said. When their first budget was presented, they had been only two months in the Government and were "not yet ready to fight. Today, we understand the subject infinitely better, and the Knesset and press alone cannot impart such knowledge," he added.

He could frankly say that election tactics no less than the budget had been behind the tension, just as they affected Mapai policy inside the Government and Mapai press attacks on his Ministry.

'Tax Cuts Will Harm Farm Settlements'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The Minister of Agriculture, Mr. P. Naphtali, told a patently hostile audience at the Commercial and Industrial Club here yesterday that agricultural settlement will suffer because of the impending cuts in taxes.

Settlement on the land was imperative for economic, as well as security reasons, but was hampered by lack of funds and lack of suitable candidates, Mr. Naphtali said. Immigrants, who form the bulk of the settlers this year, should be interspersed, for social reasons, with young persons who had received a thorough agricultural training. However, the Minister added, there was a marked opposition on the part of many parents in towns to let their children study in agricultural secondary schools.

"I should like to see a league formed against the lowering of taxes," the Minister concluded.

480,000 May Vote In Histadrut Elections

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Some 480,000 Histadrut members will have a vote in the Histadrut elections to take place on May 8; this figure represents approximately half the Jewish electorate for the forthcoming Knesset elections, Mr. Melech Noy, Head of the Histadrut Membership Dues Department, told the Press yesterday. At the last elections to the Histadrut conference, in February, 1949, there were fewer than 179,000 voters.

Mr. Noy explained that his department was responsible for the preparation of an accurate voters' list, which entailed the recording of name changes, addresses and marital status, and payment of membership dues. He showed the press a series of revolving card-index holders which record details of every Histadrut member since 1938. Records, before that date were kept in ledgers.

Members of working families reaching the age of 18 receive a birthday greeting from the Histadrut and a reminder that they are able to join the organization as full members. Members of the forces can become full members without paying any fees, and the Histadrut has more than 9,000 servicemen in its membership.

PLAN FOR WALL

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A detailed plan for a two-metre-high wall to be built around the playground of the Children's Club of the Working Mothers Organization in Rehov Devora Hanevia, in Jerusalem, was submitted by the Jerusalem Labour Council at the end of last week for approval by the Jerusalem Municipality.

Twenty centimetres thick, it is to be built on the present wall, which is 40 centimetres high. It will be 2.4 metres high when completed.

It now projects 1.5 to two metres into the future road site. It is believed that the Licensing Committee, which is to meet tomorrow to discuss the plan, will approve it, subject to an undertaking by the Labour Council to remove the wall at its own expense when the road is widened.

Rabbi Amram Blau and three other members of the Natorei Karta group will be brought before the Jerusalem District Court on Tuesday to answer charges brought by the State of illegal assembly outside the clinic.

SAUDIA. — The Secretary of State of Saudi Arabia, Sheik Abdul Tobeishi, arrived in New York on Friday for an operation to remove a cataract from an eye.

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Fruit Shortage Harms Canneries; Nothing for Local Market

TEL AVIV, Saturday.—Due to the shortage of fruit this season, export orders are being refused by the Citrus and Canned Products Association, and it is doubtful whether orders accepted can be fully executed, a spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday. The Association is the export marketing company for 13 biggest Israel fruit and vegetable canning factories, and its export figure is the country's third highest.

In order not to lose valuable foreign customers, the Association will not supply the home market at all this year. Fruit juices and soft drinks on sale this summer will be provided from stocks left over from last year's surplus. The spokesman pointed out that in years of fruit surplus, the Association had undertaken to take from the Citrus Marketing Board all fruit remaining after the export and home markets had been satisfied and the smaller canneries had taken their requirements.

The spokesman complained that some sections of the press had recently begun a campaign on behalf of the smaller canning companies not in the Association, claiming that they were having to dismiss workers and refuse export orders because of the fruit shortage, and insinuating that the Association had a monopoly on fruit purchase. He revealed that the Citrus Board had allocated to the smaller concerns more than the average amount they had purchased during the past three years, and that any loss of production due to a seasonal shortage would be borne only by the Association.

Despite alleged pressure from representatives of the Ministry of Labour and the Ministry for Social Welfare resulting from the unemployment of workers in small canning factories, the Citrus Marketing Board intended to keep to the terms of the agreement with the Association and the smaller firms regarding fruit supply, as it was aware of the similar employment problem in the larger factories, where less than a complete shift was being worked.

Kariv Warns Owners To Number Houses

Within one month, the Jerusalem Municipality is to start suing landlords who have failed to have their houses numbered in accordance with the new system, Mayor Y. Kariv has informed *The Jerusalem Post*.

About 50 per cent of the landlords responded to letters of warning sent out last week.

Applications for numbers, which must be accompanied by a IL.3 fee, should be made to Mr. Yitzhak Lustig, Rm. 18, main Municipal Building, 34 Jaffa Road.

Five Years Jail For Trade with Marauder

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ACRE, Saturday. — Found guilty on four charges of sheltering and trading with an infiltrator in November and December 1954, Avraham Grinspan, 42, of Metulla, was sentenced to a total of five years in prison by a Military Court here yesterday.

Grinspan was caught together with two infiltrators as a result of a daring action by a police sergeant, who had worked together with the smugglers as one of them for many months. The smuggling ring had been in operation for years. The infiltrators have already been sentenced to ten years imprisonment.

Grinspan, who was found guilty on four separate counts, will be jailed only for four years, as the prison terms are to run concurrently.

Grinspan emigrated with his wife from Poland in 1951.

Mothers Tell of Talks By M.D. on Trial

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Three mothers from Tel Aviv and Hadera, who had attended lectures held by the defendant and had subsequently brought their children to be treated by him, gave evidence in the District Court here yesterday at the trial of Dr. Eylon Zimri, alias Yedidyah Bian, charged with practicing medicine without a licence.

The witnesses told the court that in his lectures, the defendant had warned parents against neglecting symptoms of psychological complexes in their children, particularly during puberty, and had claimed an 80 per cent success in treating his patients.

None of the witnesses had made any complaints to the police.

The trial will be resumed tomorrow.

MENASHE DISTRICT TO SPEND IL.387,000

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HADERA, Saturday. — The Regular Budget of the Menashe District for the fiscal year of 1955/56, totalling IL.387,000 was adopted here yesterday by the District Council. The Council also voted a Development Budget of IL.330,000 for water supply, inner roads for settlements, dispensaries and electricity for border villages.

The District, with an area of 67,000 dunams, has 17 settlements with 4,600 inhabitants.

Appeals Body Upholds Haifa Sec'y Ouster

HAIFA, Saturday. — The Secretary of the Haifa Municipal Staff Committee, Mr. Shalom Mechrez, who was ousted from his post ten days ago by a Committee vote described as irregular, and who went on a sit-down strike at his office for three days in protest against his removal, will not return to his secretarial post, according to a decision of the Histadrut's Appeals Committee which dealt with the dispute this week.

The Committee decided that the Secretariat from which Mr. Mechrez had been removed had been lawfully changed. Nevertheless, elections are to be held for a new committee, which will appoint its own Secretariat. No date for such elections has been fixed.

Mr. Mechrez has returned to his job in the pay section of the Municipality. Since May, 1954, he had been on leave of absence from this position in order to serve as committee secretary. He said a week ago that at the last election he had won more votes than any other candidate.

VITAL GOODS ARRIVE

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — An El Al transport plane yesterday brought three tons of Reparations goods which were needed urgently. The consignment included thermostats and other electrical equipment, drugs, industrial equipment and raw materials.

Qualified Staff Raise Standard In Negev; Villages Still Behind

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The introduction of better personnel in Negev schools has raised their standard considerably since last year, but the village school still has a long way to go to catch up with urban education, Mr. Arye Simon, Regional Inspector Southern area, told correspondents visiting typical primary grades at Maslul, Bitha and Beersheba.

There are 182 qualified teachers this year, and 212 unqualified, compared with 109 and 241 respectively in the last academic year. Last year immigrant villages had only eight qualified teachers, but today their number has reached 57 thanks to 34 girl graduates of teaching seminars who volunteered for "Negev duty" instead of entering the armed forces. As these girls opted for posts in the state secular network, the Orthodox schools in the south remain with only a 25 per cent qualified staff.

The beneficial changes which can be wrought by energetic and well-trained teachers were strikingly obvious at Maslul, a five-year old settlement with 120 children in five primary grades. Mr. David August, a Canadian from Kibbutz Urim, headed the school. A young farmer from Degania, a South African and an American girl doing army service made up his team. The fact that Mr. August and another teacher live in the village helped create a firm contact between the school and the parents. Absenteeism due to children working on the farm has been cut down through talks with the parents. (When correspondents visited the neighbouring school at Bitha, they found half the pupils in class. The rest were "planting onions," remarked the principal dourly).

"Kurds and Persians now sit at the same desk," said Mr. August with satisfaction. Relations between the communities have improved in the higher grades, but the youngest children are much influenced by their home environment. Even "sabras" from Oriental homes could be induced to speak Hebrew only in class, but the adolescent youth had begun to speak Hebrew among themselves.

In contrast to Maslul, the Orthodox school at Bitha is fully supported by the Ministry of Education. Half the Negev schools come into this category, as the villages they serve have not yet reached economic independence. The Government pays for books, repairs, salaries and office expenses. The other villages are theoretically capable of supporting their schools. In fact, however, noted Mr. Sarid, most of the village councils cannot collect enough funds to provide books and equipment. The Maslul teachers had themselves repaired walls and coaxed parents into buying text-books. The Ministry sends a small library to each village.

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Cycle Repairs 25% Cheaper in February

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TEL AVIV, Saturday.—The National Council for the Prevention of Accidents has arranged with bicycle repair shops to give a 25 per cent reduction on all repairs carried out next month, District Court Judge S. Loewenberg, Chairman of the Council, told the press yesterday prior to the opening tomorrow of the Tel Aviv Road Safety Week. The Council had also arranged for a 15 per cent no-claim discount with insurance companies for drivers who had had no claims during the previous year.

Judge Loewenberg added that insurance companies had agreed to affix a 500 pruta "safety stamp" to each third party liability certificate, but so far not all the money had reached the Council. Another source of income was the voluntary payment by drivers of 250 pruta, when renewing their driving licenses, and the sale of IL.1 "safety stamps" on vehicle licenses. He said that many of those refusing to pay these "safety taxes" were taxi drivers.

Judge Loewenberg added that nothing could help more in the prevention of accidents than road-safety education. He revealed that less than 20 per cent of the persons killed in road accidents were under seven, while less than eight per cent were between seven and 16.

He said that traffic laws were adequate and that the Courts were now dealing with traffic offenders more seriously. A lead in this matter had been taken by the Supreme Court in upholding several District Court judgments. It was intended to reduce to a minimum the number of cases brought before the Court by increasing the number of offences for which "on the spot" fines could be imposed. Offenders would still have the right to be heard by a Magistrate.

CYCLIST KILLED

RAMLE, Saturday. — Mr. M. Adler, 70, of Kfar Warburg was fatally injured last night when the bicycle he was riding near his village was struck by a tender driven by Z. Gamliel, 26, of Kibbutz Hatzurim. He died in Kaplan Hospital today. (Itim)

Elderly Couple Dies Of Sedative Overdose

PETAH TIKVA, Saturday. — An elderly couple, brought to Beilinson Hospital here on Wednesday, died within 24 hours of each other after each had swallowed a large number of sleeping pills.

Mr. Oscar Hammerschlag, 74, who had been ill with a severe paralysis, died during the night. His wife, Ornika, also 74, who had been suffering from a nervous complaint, died 24 hours later. Police believe that they committed suicide as a result of poor health. (Itim)

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Police Ordered To Let Arab Testify

The High Court of Justice on Friday ordered the police authorities to permit an Arab under arrest to appear in court for the purpose of submitting a sworn statement in support of an order nisi granted by the Court in his favour three weeks ago.

The Arab, a resident of a Galilee village, had failed to obtain an identity card when they were issued to other members of his village, and he has since been deported to Jordan several times. On his application, presented by Mr. G. Tabernik, his attorney, an order nisi was granted by the Court on January 7 calling on the Minister of Interior to show cause why an order for deportation should not be cancelled. The Court also instructed the applicant to file a sworn statement in Court in support of his claim within 10 days.

The man was arrested last Monday in Mr. Tabernik's office, before he could file the statement.

In ordering the police to permit the Arab to appear in Court, Justice Silberg expressed his surprise that they were unaware of such an elementary fact as the right of a person who wishes to make a sworn statement to do so under any circumstances. (Itim)

Menderes Drops Case Against Yalchin

ISTANBUL, Saturday (Reuter). — The Prime Minister, Mr. Adnan Menderes, has dropped his complaints against Mr. Hussein Jahit Yalchin, 80-year-old journalist, recently imprisoned for writing articles slandering the Prime Minister and the Foreign Ministry. Jurists are now looking for a way to free him.

Mr. Yalchin, chief writer of the opposition newspaper "Halcki," was jailed for 26 months and 20 days. Well-known for his wartime attacks on Nazism, he formerly had served in the Ministry of Education and was also a Member of Parliament. In 1949, he was a member of the Palestine Conciliation Commission.

Mr. Menderes, as head of the Democratic Party, also dropped the case opened against the owner and editor of "Halcki" for publishing insulting articles about the Party.

Trade with Swiss

ZURICH, Saturday (UP).—An agreement between the Bank Leumi and the Credit Suisse Bank here is expected to help revive Swiss exports to Israel, it was announced today.

A drop in Swiss exports to Israel occurred following the Reparations agreement with Germany. Under the Swiss-Israel agreement, proceeds from certain Israel goods exported to Switzerland will be set aside for the purchase of Swiss goods. The sum of 5m. Swiss francs ($1.16m.) is mentioned in this connection.

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THE MANAGEMENT

Cables in Brief

FLOOD. — Torrential rain on Friday flooded the Orleansville area in Algeria, scene of last year's earthquake which killed more than 1,000 people.

MENDERES. — Prime Minister Menderes is to be the first Turkish Premier to visit the Pope, it was disclosed in Istanbul on Friday. He will visit Pope Pius during his three-day visit to Italy beginning today.

ILO. — Employer delegates of the Soviet Union and other Communist states on Friday secured places as deputy members in committees of the European regional conference of the International Labour Organization in Geneva.

ATOMIC. — Manchester University will start the first full-time University course in Europe for the training of atomic engineers next month. The course will extend over six weeks, and most of the students will be drawn from industry.

SPAIN. — Spain on Friday joined in the work of the Organization for European Economic Co-operation on food and agriculture under an agreement signed by its Ambassador at O.E.E.C. headquarters in Paris.

CRASH. — Two U.S. Army helicopters crashed into a hill about 500 metres from each other late last night at Schwieberdingen, north of Stuttgart, killing six American servicemen.

EX-M.P. — A former Labour Member of Parliament, Albert Blakburn, was sentenced to two years in prison in London on Thursday for share fraud. He was convicted on charges of making misleading statements to induce two men to acquire shares in a company which planned to ring London with caravan sites.

CUBA. — The first Cuban Congress to meet since General Fulgencio Batista seized power by a military coup in March, 1952, was installed in Havana yesterday. It consists of a Senate and a House of Representatives, elected last November 1.

Monte Carlo Motor Car Rally

MONTE CARLO Tuesday — Results of Monte Carlo Motor Car Rally were as follows:

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Team Prize not nominated: Sunbeam Talbot team.

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Bauer, Secretary-General of the World Medical Association and President of the American Medical Association, the Israel Association appealed to the conscience of medical men throughout the world for immediate intercession with Egyptian Premier Abdul Nasser "without entering into the subject matter and reason for the trial in order to avert execution."

The cable pointed out that world public opinion regards the whole matter as a show trial only, in which evidence was extracted through torture. The message was also addressed to the French Medical Association.

If the death sentences pronounced in the Cairo show trial are carried out, "we shall not forget," Mr. E. Livneh, M.K., said last night at the Z.O.A. House. "No one could know what the consequences of such an act might be," he added.

CIVIL SERVICE ASS'N, NOT COMMISSION

The three-hour warning strike of Haifa postal employees last Monday had been approved by the Civil Service Association, not the Civil Service Commission (as was erroneously reported).

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REFRESHING CANDOUR

SOMETHING of a stir has been caused in Britain, and no doubt elsewhere, by the appearance in "The Times" of an unusually blunt editorial dealing with the after-effects of the Turco-Iraqi pact, which was summarized in these columns on January 26.

"The Times" is not normally given to undiplomatic frankness, although things have changed a little in this respect since Sir William Haley became Editor. Some weeks ago an editorial on Germany which treated the partition of that country as an accomplished fact gave serious annoyance to the Germans, and to the British Foreign Office, by its candid dismissal of the usual diplomatic make believe. The same applies to the January 21 editorial headlined "The Arab League." Consider these passages:

"Whether, within the Middle East, one State rises and another falls in influence is not, to the West, a matter of great urgency. The Middle East (because it commands the eastern Mediterranean) is geographically and strategically so important that it cannot in any circumstances be allowed to pass into Russian hands.

"The central Middle East today is a vacuum at the edge of which are stronger Powers, such as Turkey, Egypt and (potentially) Israel. In theory any of these stronger Powers could over the next fifty years — by trade or diplomacy, or by war — extend their power into the centre."

Although scattered over the whole length of a column-long article, these two passages may fairly be regarded as its keynotes. What is so remarkable and refreshing about them is the absence of humbug. This is so unusual in any contemporary treatment of the Middle Eastern scene as to call for special praise. At the same time, and for the same reason, this kind of writing clearly cannot be regarded as "official." It rather constitutes a shot in the cold war between the old guard, who are strongly entrenched in official and semi-official quarters, and relative newcomers like the present editor of "The Times," who has never quite "belonged" to the exclusive circle of Munichers, Toynbeeites (the terms are interchangeable), admirers of General Franco, and the Arabophiles.

One recalls that before he came to Printing House Square, Sir William Haley, as editor of the "Manchester Evening News," was one of numerous provincial newspaper editors in the late 'thirties who strongly opposed Chamberlain's appeasement policy — that policy which Mayfair, the Clubs, Professor Toynbee, and the then Editor of "The Times," Geoffrey Dawson, had united in supporting (as had the Foreign Office under Lord Halifax, who was largely responsible for the "surrender" editorial of "The Times" at the time of the Sudeten crisis). It was of course no accident that Mr. Churchill, who was almost alone in fighting the Munichers within the Tory party, was equally isolated in opposing the Chamberlain White Paper on Palestine in 1939. And even Mr. Churchill, later during the war, could not make his Palestine policy prevail against the solid resistance of the Conservative bureaucracy.

Matters have changed since then. "The Times" is no longer at the exclusive disposal of the narrow set which backed the Munich policy. An editorial such as that of January 21 shows that things are stirring. There was a time, in the mid-19th century, when "The Times" existed chiefly for the purpose of telling the ruling aristocracy what the middle-class thought of their handling of affairs. Exactly 100 years ago, at the time of the Crimean War muddle, "The Times" backed a campaign to expose the inefficiency of the Army, which was then pretty much the preserve of titled gentlemen. At any time during the past 30 years a newspaper campaign against the mismanagement of Britain's Middle Eastern policy by the romantic Arabophiles and their hangers-on could have performed an equally valuable service. It is too late for that, but Sir William Haley at any rate seems ready to step on the tender corns of the Foreign Office hierarchy in this matter of calling Middle Eastern defence by its real name and dispensing with the usual ideological camouflage.

Big Future in Reciprocal Trade with China

By SIMON ZENN

THE new China, while largely continuing the development pattern laid down by the Kuomintang regime, has introduced a strong nationalism into her economy. Where they are not totally excluded, foreign investments are strictly controlled with regard to scope, management, production, distribution, and especially the transfer of capital and profits.

With the exception of some American firms the foreign-owned enterprises were not nationalized, but the new conditions made their continued operation and existence nearly impossible because of difficulties in distribution, in labour relations, taxation, etc. Since foreclosure was also a complicated matter, in most instances foreign enterprises preferred to transfer their holdings to the Chinese authorities on any conditions. The process was painful and annoying, and caused considerable animosity. But the largest foreign enterprises in a comparatively short space of time resigned themselves to the changed conditions; from trade in China to trade with China. Only those foreigners directly representing prominent foreign concerns will be able to operate in China, and this is the reason for the foreign exodus, which took the Jewish residents along.

As regards the native private sector in industry, the Government not only abstained from eliminating it, but even assigned it an important place in its planned economy. The so-called "national bourgeoisie" is one of the five social groups symbolized by the five stars on the Chinese national flag. Only the property of "bureaucratic capital," the huge holdings of the favoured families of the Chiang Kai-shek Government, have been confiscated. This policy is not dictated by expediency, as was the "NEP" period of the Russian Revolution. In 1940, new Mao Tse-tung's "New Democracy," clearly stated that the private sector would not be confiscated "in view of the backwardness of China's economic development."

Private enterprises are actually supported and even subsidized by the authorities, and the Government encourages the establishment of new industrial undertakings by private individuals. This does not mean that the private sector has a free hand. All must coordinate their programme of production and distribution with the corresponding planning authority, and are fully controlled by the Government — the large ones to a greater extent than the lesser ones.

It is highly debatable whether China's economic policy must inevitably follow the pattern of the other Communist countries. The industry and trade in private hands forms so small a proportion of the country's requirements that the national economy stands to gain very little from nationalization. Moreover, this proportion is rapidly diminishing as the industrialization State sector continues to grow. During the past four years, the country has been boiling with industrial activity. It is being covered with a network of good highways, coal and ore mines are being developed, large metallurgical plants have been erected and new oil wells sunk. Power stations, shipyards and many factories—producing machine tools, cement, chemicals, textiles, leather, etc. — are being commissioned.

This impetuous industrial expansion brought in its wake a demand for all sorts of imported commodities, raw materials and semi-manufactured goods, chiefly various metals and metal productions, machine tools, etc. Despite the embargo and the interruption of regular shipping facilities and of normal trade relations with the West, the import trade grew rapidly into a turnover of hundreds of millions of dollars. At first, the international situation forced China to import from the Eastern bloc only, but it was not long before Western business began to feel the pull of this immense and growing market, and many foreign concerns began direct trade with China despite the official policy of their governments and, in some cases, even with their tacit approval. In quest of a niche in this market came commercial houses from Britain, France, the Netherlands, Belgium, the Scandinavian countries and others. It is hardly conceivable that the great industry of the U.S. will be content to remain an inert witness to this increased activity by its allies.

Private Trade

It is a common mistake to believe that foreign trade in China is carried out on a government-to-government basis only. I could give several illustrations to the contrary from the experience of my own firm and friendly concerns. One British firm which began to do business with private Chinese companies in 1951 developed its import-export trade into millions of pounds sterling, supplying China with shiploads of steel, iron, copper plates and bars, pipes, wire, various machinery, tools, etc., and in return buying silk, wool, soya beans, etc. French, Belgian and Swedish firms with offices in China are trading along the same lines, while on the other hand, private Chinese firms are engaged in a like trade with concerns in European and Asian countries. China remains in urgent need of all kinds of industrial products, and the demand is growing.

All this foreign trade, however, is carefully planned and controlled in a manner which, in general outline, closely resembles that followed by the majority of countries which must balance imports and exports — including Israel. The essential features are familiar: all transactions are subjected to import and export licences; foreign currency must be delivered to the Government, and foreign exchange transactions require special permission; all measures are taken to promote exports, and the import of consumer goods is kept down to the bare minimum.

However, there are many specific features. For the export of basic commodities several State Corporations were organized in various branches — agricultural products, animal products, tea, silk, minerals, coal, textiles, handicrafts, etc. Some of these corporations conduct independent negotiations regarding exports, but the bulk of export is done through the central Export Corporation. Private firms and organizations are encouraged to export for their own account or as agents, but mostly in secondary branches.

For the purchase and import of goods covering the demands of all government, cooperative and private institutions, China has created a network of State Purchasing Corporations, with branches in all administrative districts, they deal with heavy industry, metals and metal products, machinery, electrical equipment and other major industrial products. All industrial and trading organizations address their inquiries for such imported goods to the corresponding Purchasing Corporation, which places approved orders with the Central Import Corporation. However, there are many instances in which orders may be placed through private firms and organizations.

The part played by private import-export firms in China's imports in the past four years is quite considerable, and they have been permitted to do business on a large scale. The policy towards such private concerns has fluctuated with the varying pressure of demand, but I am still receiving offers and inquiries from friendly native and foreign firms in China.

Private firms conduct business in several ways. If they are acting on their own behalf, they are granted import licences only if they export first. If they receive orders from official purchasing organizations, they act either on a commission basis or retain part of the goods they import for sale on the free market. There are also other ways of doing business. A list of goods approved for import is regularly published by the authorities.

Now that there are signs that Western countries intend to resume normal trade relations with China, it is assumed that trade agreements in broad outline will be concluded at government level, while the actual import-export transactions will continue to be carried on, mainly by private concerns, directly with the Chinese Government or through specially appointed agents.

Letter of Guarantee

It should also be pointed out that conditions of payment and shipment differ somewhat from customary conditions in international trade. The present terms for import transactions are as follows. All offers are made C.I.F.W. Chinese ports. Payment is by Letter of Guarantee instead of Letter of Credit, stipulating that payment will be made within 15 days of the cargo's arrival in a Chinese port. The goods are subject to inspection by the China Inspection and Testing Bureau, and claims, if any, may be presented within 45 days.

At the outset, foreign exporters were reluctant to accept Letters of Guarantee instead of the customary Letters of Credit, but gradually they came around, because the guarantee is furnished by the London branch of the Bank of China and, besides, some large foreign banks undertook to negotiate the shipping documents.

As regards exports from China, the authorities insist on payment by irrevocable Letters of Credit. Sales are based on shipped weight and certificates of analysis issued by the bureau mentioned above.

It remains to consider how trade with China can benefit Israel's economy, and how far Israel is in a position to utilize the possibilities of the Chinese market. Even in the present state of Israel's young industry, Sino-Israel trade may be very substantial. China can become a source of supply of various raw materials, such as oil-bearing beans, seeds and oil-cake, wool, tea and many other products.

But it is important at this stage to dispel some erroneous impressions which prevail in our industrial and trading circles that China is too distant, shipping conditions are irregular, and transport is impeded by prevailing conditions in the Suez Canal; trade and payment regulations are too complicated for our small country; trade with a country on which Western nations have imposed restrictions may prejudice Israel's trade relations with the West; finally, China is still in a semi-colonial stage and can absorb any quantity of consumer goods.

The reply to these reservations is: China exports to countries more remote than Israel; for the past several years no complaints have been voiced regarding payments, shipping difficulties, etc., and the majority of the Western countries have already established trade relations with China; as regards export to China of consumer goods, it has already been stated that China has restricted this category to the bare minimum.

Exports which Israel can rely on are: various kinds of machinery, pipes, products of non-ferrous metals and special alloys, many types of tools — especially precision tools and measuring instruments — industrial chemicals as well as semi-manufactured material for the pharmaceutical industry; there may be a chance for heavy-duty tires as well as automobiles and jeeps. With regard to fertilizers, China could be an importer of ammonium sulphate but is unlikely to consider phosphates.

However, Israel exporters would do well to bear in mind that the Chinese market of today cannot be compared with the pre-war market. China's Purchasing Corporations include special departments whose duty it is to ensure that only first-class goods shall be imported and at competitive prices. They have at their disposal catalogues and price lists, as well as offers and samples, from prominent manufacturers of different countries.

(This is the second of two articles, the first of which appeared on January 21.)

MUSICAL DIARY

Kol Yisrael Orchestra, Heinz Freudenthal, Conductor. Shmuel Ashkenazi, violin. (Y.M.C.A. Hall, January 25). H Saeverud: "Peer Gynt," Suite No. 1, Saint-Saens: Concerto No. 3 in B-minor for Violin and Orchestra; Beethoven: Symphony No. 8 in F-major.

THE "Peer Gynt" music (this was, to our knowledge, its first performance in Israel) with its bacchanale of glissandi, "Wozzeck"-like inventions on one note, and *a la farce* modernisms alternately paraphrasing the Marseillaise and Yankee Doodle, is tiresome at a concert. Its expressive content belongs to the theatre, for which it was composed.

This was the first time that 14-year-old Shmuel Ashkenazi appeared with an orchestra. Before the concert, rumours were broadcast that a *Wunderkind* would appear on the stage. Shmuel Ashkenazi did not sound like a child prodigy. What we heard was a grown-up, who with the singing and penetrating quality of his tone, and his perfectly controlled, brilliant passages shamed many an older instrumentalist.

Beethoven, as usual, sounded untidy. We keep wondering when the broadcasting services' musical direction will decide on a more sensible programme policy and select for the orchestra works which are not beyond its limitations.

Michel Glotz, Lecturing at the Centre de Culture Francaise (Jerusalem, January 25).

THE influence of French culture on Chopin and Liszt was the central theme of Mr. Glotz's lecture.

The speaker, who is the grandson of the well-known French-Jewish historian, Gustav Glotz, was sent to Israel via Istanbul by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs. His eight-day stay will be devoted to advancing cultural relations between Israel and French Musicians. The lecture, which he delivered in front of a packed hall, proved his profound knowledge of the subject. No wonder: at 24, he holds the post of music editor of "Jour de France," one of Paris' leading weeklies.

Mr. Glotz plans to return in October.

Live Musical Quiz. Directed by Alon Schmuckler and Yitzhak Shimoni, With the Kol Yisrael Orchestra conducted by Yohanan Boehm (Edison Hall, Jerusalem, January 27).

THE Sixth Public Quiz attracted a bigger crowd than ever before, so that next year it seems the famous Hollywood Bowl may be the only premises capable to take in the growing audience.

The programme consisted of five rounds, presenting peculiar upside down instrumental combinations, compositions not characteristic of their authors, an extremely complicated chess game with a huge vertical board for demonstration and separate boards (life size) for all the ten participants, questions and answers, and a "fancy dress ball" — one of the most fascinating items we ever heard in the field of musical humour.

A Prokofieff theme which sounded like Ravel's "Bolero," Beethoven variations like the Brahms Chaconne, Bach in the guise of Walton's "Popular Song," etc., etc., made everyone literally burst out laughing. The programme came to an end with Haydn's, pardon me, Duke Ellington's "Farewell" Symphony; or was it "Caravan"? Anyhow, the musicians left the platform one after the other, demonstrating that the counterpart of "Mr. Bach goes to town" might be "*Herr* Haydn leaves Jerusalem."

Alon Schmuckler and Yitzhak Shimoni — who doubles as master of ceremonies and made two-and-a-half hours non-stop seem like a few minutes — did an excellent job. Yohanan Boehm, who arranged (or disarranged?) the music, must be praised for the skill and brilliance of his work in which the conducting played but a minor part. The first prize was awarded to Avshalom Kauffmann, member of Kibbutz Kiryat Anavim, while Gidon Foss from Jerusalem won second place. Altogether it was a highly enjoyable event.

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Parliamentary Report

Mapam Decline in House

By LEA BEN DOR

THE Election Bill has passed, and once the Central Election Committee has been approved, the country will be all set to fight it out.

It is an indication of how very far from the general body of the Knesset, Mapam, as well as the Communists, are by now that there was little general outcry when an adroit piece of organization deprived both of these parties of their deputy chairmen on the Committee. The Committee will have 24 members, drawn from the Knesset groupings this time, while its Chairman is elected by the members of the Supreme Court from among their own number. In order to guard against the possibility of any of the 24 members having to preside over the workings of the Committee in the event of the Chairman being unable to carry out his duties for any reason, a vice-chairman, also a member of the Supreme Court, will be appointed.

Last time, six deputy chairmen were appointed, one from each of the major parties. When the Bill was being studied recently in the Laws Committee prior to its final passage through the Knesset, it was suggested that a body with 24 members, six of whom are deputy chairmen, would be too cumbersome. A Mapai Committee-man suggested that the normal and useful number of deputy chairmen in such a case is two: that would have allowed for Mapai itself and the General Zionists.

There were violent protests from the parties ranking next in size, and nobody was really surprised when it was finally agreed by majority vote inside the Committee that there should be four deputies this time, one each for Mapai, the General Zionists, Poel Hamizrahi and Herut. It is believed that work will be expedited by having fewer meetings of the entire Committee, and leaving the bulk of the arrangements to the Chairman and his four deputies. Mr. Wilner and Mr. Rubin, for the two ousted parties respectively, did some plain speaking on this subject in the course of the debate. It was remarkable to see how little trouble was taken to conceal or disguise the stratagem, though several Mapai members, mainly those interested in the niceties of parliamentary procedure, plainly did not care for an administrative change introduced for political reasons. It is entirely arguable, of course, that a small party is not entitled to representation on an equal footing with the large parties, and that total distrust of Communist aims and methods is one of the few reactions that unites all the other members of the Knesset, barring perhaps three die-hard members of Mapam.

The gradual disintegration, prior to death, that has befallen the living body of Mapam during the present Knesset has reduced it to exactly half its original proportions, and brought the party down from third in size to sixth. In 1951 it had 15 members in the Knesset that owed allegiance to several sub-groups. Since then, it has crumbled and split three times. First to go was the Lifshitz-Lamdan group, which after a short period of independence joined Mapai. Next was Dr. Sneh's "Left Faction," formed in 1953 of Mapam members who supported the official Czech line in the Slansky trial in which one of their party, Mr. Mordechai Oren, received a life-sentence. After the Left Faction was forced out of Mapam it remained independent for a while, and then joined the Communists.

Last summer, finally, another moderate group, Ahdut Ha'avoda, broke away from the main body over the question of collective ideology and their desire to maintain their own publication. They, in their turn, are independent at the moment, and they do not like it at all when anybody asks them when they will join Mapai. (Only three men have joined the group officially, Messrs. Ben Aharon, Bar Yehuda and Erem. A fourth, Mr. Aharon Zisling, of Ain Harod, and Minister of Agriculture during the Mapai-Mapam coalition, is still sitting on the fence, holding the numerical balance between the seven Mapam members that have definitely left and the seven that have definitely stayed.)

"Ahdut" Tight-rope Walkers

Although there are some very weighty factors to prevent any move or amalgamation by Ahdut Ha'avoda with any other party—including the profoundest reluctance to cause any further and possible fatal jolt to the kibbutz movement—the party is hard put to it to preserve the independence of its stand. During almost every debate the Knesset is treated to an exhibition of tight-rope walking by Ahdut Ha'avoda in search of a distinctive policy. On one occasion, last week, Mr. Bar Yehuda was asked by the Speaker whether he would agree to have his amendment voted on together with that proposed by Mapam "as they are so similar." Mr. Bar Yehuda replied stiffly that they looked similar only to people who voted against them but not for the proposers, a remark that contained more parliamentary wisdom than he perhaps realized at the moment, for however bitter the quarrels inside a party the outside world continues to lump its members together until they have finally realigned themselves elsewhere. It is most characteristic of their position that in most cases where the left has opposed the view of the rest of the Knesset, Ahdut Ha'avoda abstains from the vote; while if all the opposition, including Herut, vote against the Coalition, Ahdut Ha'avoda is able to join in with a clear conscience.

It is natural enough that they should wish to emphasize their party individuality at this time, and retain their voters, and seek new recruits. It is after the elections that they will have to make up their mind whether they belong in what Mr. Sharett once called the "open world" or the shut one.

Kibbutz Taxes

Few subjects have in the past generated so much heat and so little light as the question of kibbutz income tax payments. Both the General Zionists and Herut have nursed a permanent grievance in this matter, and it remained one of the final hurdles to the settling of the Coalition crisis that would seem to have faded out slowly during the past week without any official peace-making. Under the Mandate, cooperatives were officially exempt from some forms of taxation, as they are in Britain, and these exemptions continued to be valid for some years after the establishment of the State. Under pressure of opposition opinion, and also in recognition of the sound financial position of some of the older kibbutzim, the tax-collector finally bore down on them, but not too hard at first. The position of a cooperative earning group is of course favoured by the pooling of their earnings, for even a skilled man on outside work is not taxed at the higher rate for his higher earnings, but only on his share of the total. The sick, the aged, the unskilled and even the idle receive their full share, and so bring down the average level. For tax purposes, even the children are shared out equally to produce the maximum deduction. The calculation is infinitely complicated, and it was decided, after considerable study, to impose an appropriate sum on the kibbutz organization, and let this divide it out between the members according to their financial status.

The system has now been abolished, and kibbutz members, drivers and plumbers will pay on their earnings jointly or severally, as the case may be. Mr. Eshkol told the General Zionist members last week that he considered that all changes in this respect had now been introduced that were justified, as he did not agree that 25 per cent of income, as a form of company tax, should be paid by the cooperative as such. If a settlement has been reached on this point, and the coming budget debate can proceed without constant insults to kibbutz members in the House that they don't pay Income Tax anyway, Mr. Eshkol and the Income Tax Commissioner will have won a welcome victory.

Friday's Press

Blood on Egypt's Head

ALL Friday papers commented on the death sentences at the Cairo trial. "The main offence of the defendants is the fact that they are Jews," says "Al Hamishmar" (Mapam), demanding, as all other papers do, that everything should be done at this late hour to save the victims of the "bloodthirsty military regime in Cairo which wants to demonstrate its patriotism by these murderous sentences."

"Davar" (Histadrut) also strongly protests against the verdict, stressing that any other sentence may be re-examined some day under different conditions, while this one is irrevocable. The paper expresses the view that there will not always be hostility between Israel and Egypt, and thinks that the blood of the two accused may fatally influence relations between the two countries for very many years.

"Haboker" (General Zionist) recalls that Washington's attitude toward Peking (where 11 Americans were given long prison terms on charges of espionage) was quite different from the attitude of unconcern displayed toward the present Cairo trial. The paper adds that Egyptian Jewry is now in grave danger and demands its release and transfer to Israel.

Cruel Sentence

"Ha'aretz" (non-party) re-examines the "investigation," the incomplete evidence and the faulty procedure at the trial, and says that even if acts of espionage had taken place (which has not been proven), the punishment would be accounted excessively cruel. If Gamal Abdul Nasser feels himself strong enough, he may well give the order not to carry out the death sentences.

"Herut" demands immediate Israel action to obtain such safeguards as will ensure that no hair is touched on the head of those who have been sentenced to death. The paper accuses the Government of having attempted to act secretly, behind the scenes, which has proved to be altogether ineffectual.

"Kol Ha'am" (Communist) says that the American imperialists are responsible for the death sentences: they want these sentences to expedite their military pacts in the Middle East.

"Hatsofe" (World Mizrahi Union) complains about the whole political climate in international relations, which makes it possible for the Egyptian junta to disregard world public opinion because it is quite sure that those who support this regime abroad will not be unduly shocked by the executions. The paper thinks this is one of the results of the policy of appeasing the regime, which began with the Suez pact.

"Zmanim" (Progressive) feels that it may still be possible to enlist the help of the United Nations and the Red Cross, and expresses the view that the Western powers could well use their influence in Cairo to save the lives of the two sentenced to death.

"Lamerhav" (Ahdut Ha'avoda) writes that while Israel cannot retaliate according to the tribal custom of the vendetta, our humanism is not one of weakness and resignation to murder. If the sentence is carried out, our reaction should be carefully weighed — but it must come.

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